

Summary of purpose and/or change:

LB 760 creates the Nebraska State Library Task Force to evaluate the status of the state library. This bill was introduced because of concern with the condition of our state library here in the Capitol. There is no adequate system of preservation in place and historical documents are at risk of deterioration.

Section 1 is new language creating the Nebraska State Library Task Force. It lists who should be on the task force, and their duties. The task force is to evaluate the library's structure, condition of furniture and fixtures, environmental controls, provide recommendations, and associated costs, for conservation, restoration and space improvement. The task force is also to evaluate alternative storage prospects, recommend a document preservation process, and identify alternative funding sources. The task force is to issue a final report by the end of the year, the Legislative Council is to provide administrative assistance, and task force members are to be reimbursed for expenses.

Section 2 inserts an emergency clause.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

AM 1646 is a technical amendment that clarifies the creation of the task force. It also corrects a reference to the Legislative Council.

Senator Vickie McDonald, Chairperson